

May 24, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

President Davis called the Regular Meeting to order, and Dye led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith, Treasurer Nelson and DPW Superintendent Friend were also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – 5-12-22 Closed Session minutes were added to the Consent Agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Rademacher, support by Dye to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - None.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Dye, support by Rademacher to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes of the Work Session 4-26-22, Regular Meeting 5-12-22, Closed Session 5-12-22 and Bills totaling \$9,584.44. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Treasurer's report was received.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Friend reported on the beach area prep, water tank communication repairs, signs installed at Lake and Front St. intersection, and that the Beach Cam is not functional. It was asked if the water tank transmitter repair was submitted to the insurance as it was a lightning strike. Erosion of the entrance to Lion's Park has been repaired. A 20-foot tower will not be required at the water tank.

COUNCIL MEMBER /COMMITTEE REPORTS – Parks Committee minutes will be available for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN ADOPTION – Motion by Chase, supported by Dye to approve the Section 125 POP Plan and Resolution #8 of 2022 and authorize the President to sign. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Chase, support by Bacon to offer 50% of premium cost as the payment in lieu of benefits per the Section 125 Plan. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

BEACH AMBASSADOR HIRING AND JOB DESCRIPTION – Motion by Chase, support by Barr to lower the hiring age for beach ambassador to 16 years old. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.** It was noted that the hourly rate is \$15.00.

GROBBEL PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH BAR LAKE TESTING – Motion by Barr, support by Chase to accept the proposal from Grobbel Environmental and invoice Empire Township

for 50% of the total. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – July 16th Anchor Day Parade and Street Dance - Motion by Dye, support by Barr to close the streets along the parade route from 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and close Front St. in front of the Township Hall from 8:45 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Appreciation was expressed for the South Bar Lake testing.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Mark Breederland from Michigan Sea Grant is scheduled for a presentation on June 9th.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:25p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These are draft minutes for approval at the June 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting.